

Raiders ride King past Wave

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BELMONT — Before a homecoming crowd at Linberger Stadium, senior quarterback Diontra King rushed for a game-high 205 yards and two touchdowns on 31 carries to lead host South Point to its fourth straight win, 24-14, over a determined Ashbrook squad Friday evening.

South Point improved to 5-2 overall on the season, 3-0 in Big South 2A/3A play. Ashbrook drops to 3-4 and 0-2 in Big South 2A/3A.

"We weren't perfect tonight," said South Point head coach Mickey Lineberger. "But we gave a great effort

to try and be perfect. We brought our guts and intensity. We brought the effort tonight and played well. I knew we were going to get their best effort tonight."

South Point came out and executed well on its opening drive of the game to jump out to an early 7-0 lead.

The Red Raiders, led by their senior quarterback, engineered a 10-play 74 yard drive, capped by King's 11-yard touchdown run on a quarterback keeper.

"They were trying to take Ryland (senior running back Elbertson) our fullback away," King said.

"I just pulled the ball back and our

linemen did a great job with their blocks. I made my read and took the ball up the middle into the end zone."

Elbertson was able to break free of the Ashbrook defense for a 33-yard touchdown scamper in the second quarter to extend the Red Raiders lead to 14-0 which they took into the locker-room at halftime.

South Point came out flying in the third quarter scoring just 41 seconds into the second half on King's second touchdown run of the game from 63 yards away.

Junior placekicker Thomas Lempereur added a 24-yard field goal

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Ashbrook quarterback Jabron Rabba, left, is sacked by South Point's Mike Hayes during their game Friday.

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midway through the third quarter to extend the Red Raiders lead to 24-0 and what many in the homecoming thought was going to be a South Point route.

Ashbrook, which lost to North Gaston a week ago, showed its resolve and mounted a comeback midway through the third quarter to make it a game.

Junior running back Kristien Bell scored from six yards out with four minutes to go in the

quarter and quarterback Jabreze Robbs connected with Jeff Glenn on the two-point conversion to cut the lead to 24-8.

Robbs then connected with wide receiver Elijah Fife on a 33-yard pass play with 46 seconds left in the quarter to cut the lead to 24-14 entering the final 12 minutes play.

"The effort was there tonight," said Ashbrook coach Greg Hill. "We didn't play well enough in spurts to win, but we definitely came and gave the effort needed this week."

ASHBROOK AT SOUTH POINT

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First quarter

SP — Diontreá King 11 run (Thomas Lempereur kick), 6:13.

Second quarter

SP — Ryland Etherton 33 run (Thomas Lempereur kick), 7:15.

Third quarter

SP — Diontreá King 63 run (Thomas Lempereur kick), 11:19.

SP — Thomas Lempereur 36-yard field goal, 7:04.

ASH — Kristien Bell 6 run, (Jeff Glenn 7 pass from Jabreze Robbs for 2 pts), 3:40.

ASH — Elijah Fife 33 pass from Jabreze Robbs, (pass failed), 46.9 secs.

	Ash	SP
First downs	16	19
Rushes-yards	22-106	51-305
Passing yards	187	19
Total yards	293	324
Comp-Att-Int	22-39-1	2-4-0
Fumbles-lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-yards	N/A	N/A
Punts-avg.	3-26.0	5-15.8

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING — SP: King 31-205-2, Etherton 14-85-1, Wilson 2-7, Leeper 3-8, Tinker 1-0. **ASH:** Bell 9-41-1, Hager 5-32, Glenn 2-9, Robbs 5-12, Givens 1-12.

PASSING — ASH: Robbs 22-39-1-1. **SP:** King 2-4-19-0-0

RECEIVING — ASH: Hill 8-72, Bell 6-33, Hager 2-16, Givens 2-14, Glenn 3-19, Fife 1-33-1. **SP:** Wilson 2-19.